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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D. C.

May 8, 1956

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group - Committee on Broadcasting
and Television (COBAT)

15th Meeting held 2 p.m., May 7, 1956
OCB Conference Room

Working Group Members Present:

USIA - Mr. Frederick A. Long, Chairman
ICA - Mr. Harry Carr
Def. - Lt. Col. M. E. Williamson
CIA - Representative present
OCB - Mr. Ralph R. Busick

1. The CIA representative recommended that the sentence, "It was proposed that State express its policies directly to USIA," be added to the first paragraph of the minutes of the April 30 meeting, which was approved, and the minutes were then adopted.

2. Discussion of the joint COBAT-TPIB paper on "International Broadcasting Facilities," developed the opinion that other agencies besides State should have an opportunity to make recommendations promoting policy on the subject, especially with regard to disposal of the transmitting units, perhaps in a way different from the way USIA would recommend. It was agreed that recommendations should be contingent upon a political paper from State.

3. The Chairman reported that USIA had decided the U.S. should be represented at the UNESCO meeting on establishment of international film libraries. This would mean that three representatives of the film industry and one representative of the government would attend the Paris meeting.

4. The Chairman reported that the Director of the University in Tehran is in Washington and has requested the U.S. to undertake establishment in Tehran of a Beirut-type television project.

5. The Defense representative reported that its TV installation at Harmon would begin broadcasts July 4. Canadian Broadcasting Company is cooperating with Defense in programming.

6. The next meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. May 14 at OCB.

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